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Note: Examination of the 1955 data shows no important change in observations or conclusions from the 1954 data. This report, therefore, merely modifies the Children's Bureau Statistical Series No. 31, Juvenile Court Statistics, 1954, to incorporate the 1955 data.

JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS, 1955

HIGHLIGHTS

Delinquency cases

- Recent increases.....** 9% increase in 1955 over 1954--
the 7th consecutive year of increase;
70% overall increase since 1948;
Child population increase only 16%
since 1948.
- Extent.....** In 1955, roughly 2% of children aged
10 through 17 involved in delinquency
cases in U. S.
- Sex ratio.....** Delinquency cases in court primarily
a boys' problem;
Boys outnumber girls 5 to 1.
- Differential rates.....** Rates of court delinquency cases
vary directly with size of area
served by court;
Rates for courts serving 100,000
or more population more than double
those of courts serving under 100,000
population.
- Manner of handling....** Over half of delinquency cases disposed
of unofficially--without filing
petition for formal hearing.

Other cases

19% of the court cases were
dependency and neglect cases;
5% were cases of adoption, custody,
consent to marry and other
"special proceedings."

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES

Juvenile delinquency as defined in most juvenile court statutes is the violation of a law or municipal ordinance by persons of juvenile court age, or conduct on the part of such persons so seriously antisocial as to interfere with the rights of others or menace the welfare of the delinquent himself or of the community. This broad definition of delinquency includes conduct such as ungovernable behavior and running away -- conduct labeled "delinquency" but not generally considered a violation of law when committed by an adult. Consequently, the acts which result in bringing a child before the court may range from trivial to serious misbehavior.

This report includes cases of juvenile delinquency -- alleged as well as adjudged -- handled by the courts. Not included in these statistics are the many children who presented similar conduct problems but who were either not apprehended or were dealt with by the police, social agencies, schools, or youth-serving agencies without referral to court.

Delinquency cases, 1955 ^{1/}

A total of 324,369 juvenile delinquency cases disposed of during 1955 were reported by 1,549 courts located in 41 States (see table 1). One hundred eighty-seven of these were large courts (serving areas with populations of 100,000 or more) and 1,362 were small courts (serving

^{1/} Data are collected annually on a calendar-year basis.

areas with less than 100,000 population). These large courts disposed of 76 percent of the total delinquency cases reported to the Children's Bureau. The totals considered in this report are therefore heavily influenced by these large courts.

The number of courts for which data are transmitted to the Children's Bureau varies each year. The 1,549 courts on which this report is based were located in 41 States. About 66 percent of the child population of the United States was included in the courts' jurisdictions. These courts submitted reports that included cases disposed of both officially and unofficially.^{2/} An additional 127 courts reported in 1955 on official cases only. Their reports (see table 2) are considered incomplete for the purposes of this report and are not included in the analysis of the data.

Over half (51 percent) of the delinquency cases reported by the 1,549 courts were handled unofficially. Wide differences in the methods of handling cases were found among courts in various States and even among courts in the same State. For example, in Ohio, all reporting

^{2/}Official cases are those adjudicated by the judge or referee after the filing of a petition, complaint, or other legal paper used to initiate court action. Unofficial cases are those where no petition or legal paper is filed and where the case is adjusted by the judge, referee, probation officer or other officer of the court after conference at the point of intake or after social study and investigation.

courts, combined, disposed of 33 percent of their delinquency cases officially; in Washington, 55 percent; and in Pennsylvania, 75 percent. Within Washington, one court (Yakima County) disposed of 9 percent of its delinquency cases officially while another court (Snohomish County) disposed of 86 percent of its delinquency cases officially. There seems to be no consistent pattern regarding the methods of handling cases, either by region or by size of court. Rather, the procedure for handling cases rests heavily on individual court practices, the philosophy of the judge, and the size of staff. 3/

Boys' cases outnumbered girls' cases in the ratio of about 5 to 1. One reason for the greater number of boys' cases may be the greater freedom permitted to boys so that they are more likely to become involved in infractions of the law. Boys are outwardly aggressive more than girls, and this aggressiveness sometimes results in overt delinquent acts. Also, it may be that boys tend more to associate in groups, and delinquent behavior may stem from misdirected gang activities.

The data for 1955 for the courts reporting indicate that rates of delinquency court cases are higher in large urban areas than in less populated areas. The rate for courts serving areas of 100,000 or more population was more than double that of courts serving areas of less

3/ For a discussion of policy considerations in the unofficial disposition of cases see "Standards for Specialized Courts Dealing with Children", Children's Bureau Pub. No. 346, pages 43-45.

than 100,000 population. Table A below shows the relationship between the size of the area and the rate of delinquency cases handled.

Table A--Rates of delinquency cases by size of area served by court: 1955

Total population served by court	Population ^{a/} 10-17 years	Delinquency cases	Rate per 1,000 population 10-17 years
100,000 and over (187 courts)	7,060,913	247,908	35.1
50,000 to 99,999 (190 courts)	1,565,747	33,748	21.6
20,000 to 49,999 (499 courts)	2,141,087	31,872	14.9
10,000 to 19,999 (394 courts)	817,359	8,500	10.4
5,000 to 9,999 (192 courts)	207,578	2,116	10.2
Under 5,000 (87 courts)	40,651	225	5.5

a/ Population figures based on 1950 Census.

Changes in delinquency cases, 1954-1955

The total number of delinquency cases disposed of increased by 9 percent between 1954 and 1955. This comparison is based on data from 987 courts that reported on delinquency cases for both years (see table 3).

The small courts, in addition to having lower rates of delinquency cases, also show a lower percentage increase than the large courts.

For both the large and the small courts, the increase was more marked for cases disposed of unofficially than for cases disposed of officially.

The percentage increase in girls' cases between 1954 and 1955 was almost as large (7 percent) as for boys' (9 percent). Most of the increase in the girls' cases occurred in those handled officially in the large courts, as shown in table B below.

Table B--Percent change in delinquency cases, by sex and type of disposition: 1954 to 1955

	Percent change from 1954 to 1955								
	Total			Official			Unofficial		
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
All courts (987)-----	+9	+9	+7	+8	+8	+7	+10	+10	+6
111 courts serving areas with populations of 100,000 or more-----	+10	+10	+8	+9	+9	+9	+10	+11	+7
876 courts serving areas with populations of less than 100,000-----	+6	+7	+2	+4	+5	<u>a/</u>	+8	+9	+3

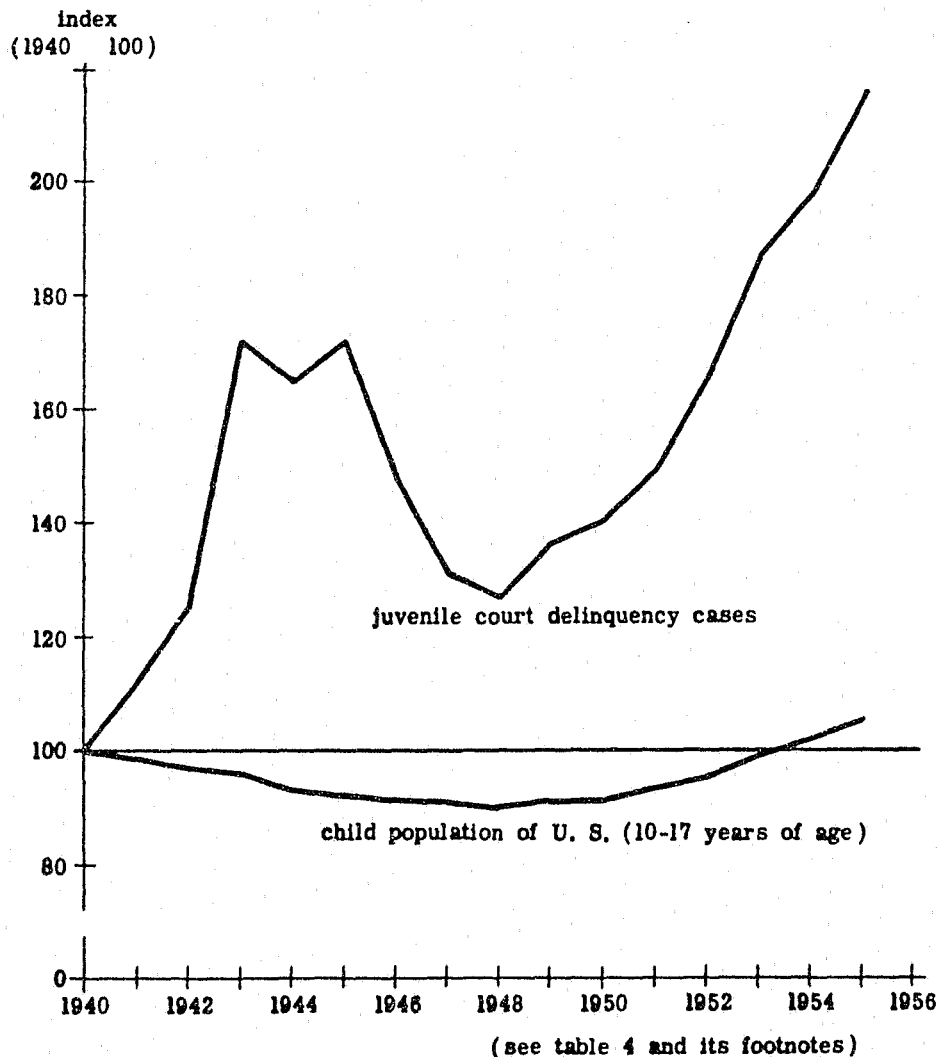
a/ Less than 0.5 percent.

All of these changes between 1954 and 1955 represent the combined increase for a group of courts. They do not show variations between individual courts. For example, although the overall increase in delinquency cases for the group of 111 large courts was 10 percent, 33 of these courts had decreases, and 78 had increases.

Trends in delinquency cases, 1940-1955

The general trend in delinquency cases during the period 1940 to 1955 was upward during World War II to a peak in 1945, and downward in the three years after that war. Beginning in 1949, however, the downward trend was reversed and has continued upward each year through 1955. By 1955, the level was 70 percent higher than in 1948 and exceeded the previous high noted during World War II. (See chart). It is estimated

JUVENILE COURT DELINQUENCY CASES ARE RISING



that in 1955 roughly 2 percent of the child population between the ages of 10 through 17 came to the attention of juvenile courts in the country because of delinquent behavior. 4/

The rise in delinquency cases cannot be explained in terms of population growth alone. For example, the 70 percent increase in court cases between 1948 and 1955 compares with a rise of only 16 percent during the same period in the child population 10 through 17 years of age in the country.

The trend data are based on reports from 383 courts that have been able to supply the necessary comparable statistical data to the Children's Bureau over a period of years. These courts are not necessarily representative of all courts in the country. They include within their jurisdictions, however, a sizeable proportion of all children in the United States (21 percent). We believe the chances are fairly good that this degree of coverage will provide data that indicate the true direction although not the exact extent of change in delinquency cases in the country.

4/ Children in the age group 10 through 17 are used as a base for computing the percentage, although the estimate of juvenile delinquency cases includes a small number of children under 10 and over 17 years of age.

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASES

Most juvenile courts by statute have jurisdiction over actions involving dependent and neglected children as well as those involving delinquent children. Such jurisdiction is based on the principle that the state has a responsibility for the protection of these children.

Unlike the delinquent child who is brought to the attention of the court because of his antisocial behavior, the dependent or neglected child is usually referred because of some form of neglect or inadequate care on the part of his parents or guardian (i. e., lack of adequate care or support resulting from the death, absence, or physical or mental incapacity of the parents, abandonment or desertion, abuse or cruel treatment, improper or inadequate conditions in the home).

Dependency and neglect cases, 1955

Of the total children's cases reported by the courts in 1955, about 80,000, or 19 percent, were dependency and neglect cases. Of these, 64 percent were handled by official action and the remainder unofficially (see table 1). The larger proportion of dependency and neglect cases handled officially as compared with delinquency cases may result from the fact that courts more frequently see these cases as requiring a change in the legal relationship between the parent and the child.

Rates of dependency and neglect cases, like rates of delinquency cases, are higher in large urban areas than in less populated ones.

This difference is shown in table C.

Table C--Rates of dependency and neglect cases, by size of area served by court: 1955

Total population served by court	Population under 18 years <u>a/</u>	Dependency and neglect cases	Rate per 1,000 population under 18 years
100,000 and over (168 courts)	19,095,647	61,612	3.2
50,000 to 99,999 (176 courts)	3,888,292	8,293	2.1
20,000 to 49,999 (472 courts)	5,240,422	7,383	1.4
10,000 to 19,999 (388 courts)	2,017,910	1,991	1.0
5,000 to 9,999 (186 courts)	494,125	303	0.6
Under 5,000 (86 courts)	100,073	58	0.6

a/ Population figures based on 1950 Census.

Changes in dependency and neglect cases, 1954-1955

The total number of dependency and neglect cases disposed of by large and small courts combined increased 3 percent between 1954 and 1955. The small courts increased their handling of dependency and neglect cases (7 percent), with a particularly high increase in those disposed of unofficially (13 percent). For the large courts, there was only a slight increase (1 percent) in dependency and neglect cases.

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

In addition to delinquency and dependency or neglect, children are referred to juvenile courts for other reasons, which are generally termed "special proceedings." Special proceedings include adoption, commitment of mentally defective children, material witnesses, application for consent to marry or enlist in the armed forces, determination

of custody or guardianship of a child, and permission to hospitals for the performance of an operation on children.

Of all the children's cases reported by the courts in 1955, only 22,417 or 5 percent, were special proceedings (see table 1). Special proceedings cases also increased, by 6 percent, from 1954 to 1955.

LIMITATIONS OF JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS

The number of children's cases handled by juvenile courts is affected by several factors. The age of children and the types of cases over which courts have jurisdiction are established by State law and often are different for courts in different States and sometimes for courts within the same State. This affects the number of cases reported and, consequently, the comparability of the reports from the various courts. (To assist in the interpretation of the statistics, the ages under which the courts have original jurisdiction are shown in table 1).

The number of children's cases reported by different courts is greatly influenced also by variations in the organization and scope of other agency services in the different communities. Many communities have established agencies such as a juvenile division of the police department that adjust many cases or refer them to other community agencies rather than to the juvenile courts. In some communities the

juvenile court is the only agency available to provide services to children. In others, there are well-established programs of social services for children; in these, the juvenile court is only one of the many agencies dealing with children and is frequently used only when its authority as a judicial agency is needed.

Furthermore, whether a child comes to the attention of the court is influenced by community or parental attitudes toward a child's behavior, and these attitudes vary from place to place.

Because of these and other limitations (many of which are not statistically assessable), juvenile court statistics, when taken by themselves, cannot measure the full extent of either delinquency, dependency or neglect. In regard to the extent of such problems, they may be particularly misleading when used to make comparisons between one community and another. They do, however, indicate how frequently one important community resource, the juvenile court, is utilized for dealing with such cases.

IMPROVEMENT IN JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS

As has been pointed out, the juvenile court data here discussed are based on reports received from courts that are able and willing to provide the requested facts. These courts are not necessarily representative of the country as a whole; consequently the reliability of

estimates based upon their figures cannot be determined. In an effort to overcome this limitation the Children's Bureau requested data for 1955 from a national sample of 502 courts. The sample (designed with technical assistance from the Bureau of the Census) is representative of the country as a whole, having been selected according to such factors as the geographical location of the areas served, their population density, economy, and racial composition. Data from the sample of courts will provide national estimates with a known and greater degree of reliability.

Some data for 1955--the first year of the sample plan--have been received from 83 percent of the sample courts. It seems likely that next year the Children's Bureau will be able to release data from the sample courts.

Once the sample plan is fully established, we will have available an efficient mechanism for collecting reliable national information not only on trends in juvenile court cases but also on other phases of juvenile court work, as for example, reasons for referral of children to the court, types of services rendered, and disposition of cases.

Table 1--NUMBER OF DELINQUENCY, DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT, AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASES DISPOSED OF OFFICIALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY BY 1,648 COURTS, 1955 a/

Area served by court b/	Age under which court has original jurisdiction	Total all cases	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Special proceedings		
			Total	Official	Un-official	Total	Official	Un-official	Total	Official	Un-official
Total cases.....	-	426,808	224,369	159,072	165,297	80,024	51,446	28,568	22,417	16,164	6,253
ALABAMA:											
Jefferson Co. (Birmingham).....	g/ 16, 18	3,024	1,434	877	557	1,590	713	877	•	•	•
Mobile Co. (Mobile).....	16	1,363	863	651	212	500	450	50	•	•	•
Montgomery Co. (Montgomery).....	g/ 16, 18	947	730	482	248	217	49	168	•	•	•
64 small courts.....	16	1,810	1,059	877	182	751	751	•	•	•	•
ARKANSAS:											
Fulton Co. (Little Rock).....	21	1,799	804	232	572	990	188	808	5	•	5
19 small courts.....	21	914	568	423	125	322	121	201	44	41	3
CALIFORNIA:											
Alameda Co. (Oakland).....	21	10,704	8,003	1,595	6,448	1,831	403	1,428	370	•	370
Contra Costa Co. (Richmond).....	21	3,953	3,215	806	2,409	530	345	185	208	•	208
Fresno Co. (Fresno).....	21	1,342	990	598	392	192	159	33	160	•	160
Kern Co. (Bakersfield).....	21	4,717	4,244	810	3,434	295	225	70	178	14	164
Los Angeles Co. (Los Angeles).....	21	8,798	7,210	6,787	423	1,225	1,139	86	343	86	277
Monterey Co. (Monterey).....	21	1,400	1,096	391	705	213	109	104	91	5	86
Orange Co. (Santa Ana).....	21	5,071	4,572	537	4,035	214	99	115	285	3	282
Riverside Co. (Riverside).....	21	1,780	1,530	585	945	191	167	24	59	26	43
Sacramento Co. (Sacramento).....	21	2,513	1,927	450	1,477	368	169	199	218	8	210
San Bernardino Co. (S. Bernardino).....	21	1,818	1,723	745	978	95	96	•	•	•	•
San Diego Co. (San Diego).....	21	5,284	3,609	1,381	2,228	1,242	709	533	435	25	410
San Francisco Co. (S. Francisco).....	21	7,784	6,127	963	5,164	1,507	603	904	152	3	149
San Joaquin Co. (Stockton).....	21	1,254	923	426	497	163	109	54	68	•	68
San Mateo Co. (San Mateo).....	21	3,255	2,840	270	2,570	290	97	193	125	•	125
Santa Clara Co. (San Jose).....	21	5,530	4,900	369	4,531	451	276	205	149	11	138
Salano Co. (Vallejo).....	21	1,153	966	107	859	127	51	76	60	•	60
Sonoma Co. (Santa Rosa).....	21	505	334	169	165	160	92	68	11	•	11
Stanislaus Co. (Modesto).....	21	2,343	2,141	221	1,920	99	75	24	103	2	101
Tulare Co. (Tulare).....	21	1,120	965	388	677	84	74	10	71	9	62
Ventura Co. (Oxnard).....	21	1,976	1,747	193	1,554	90	52	38	139	3	136
38 small courts	21	8,056	6,520	2,940	3,580	1,175	752	423	341	25	316
COLORADO:											
Denver Co. (Denver).....	18	1,305	849	711	138	407	378	29	49	47	2
3 small courts.....	18	659	314	230	84	220	171	49	125	21	74
CONNECTICUT:											
First District (Bridgeport).....	16	1,283	1,293	418	1,375	274	274	•	216	216	•
Second District (New Haven).....	16	2,495	1,953	434	1,519	331	331	•	211	211	•
Third District (Hartford).....	16	2,232	1,554	362	1,192	460	460	•	238	238	•
DELAWARE:											
New Castle Co. (Wilmington).....	18	1,420	1,315	852	463	176	119	57	129	65	64
1 small court.....	18	697	487	469	18	112	112	•	98	98	•
DIST. OF COLUMBIA:											
Washington - City.....	18	2,908	2,641	2,771	870	247	247	•	•	•	•
FLORIDA:											
Hillsborough Co. (Tampa).....	17	1,826	1,143	824	319	658	596	62	25	16	9
Orange Co. (Orlando).....	17	1,134	712	357	355	197	110	87	225	185	40
Polk Co. (Lake Wales).....	17	1,301	814	315	519	545	209	336	2	1	1
2 small courts.....	17	1,025	997	306	691	712	193	219	116	116	•
GEORGIA:											
Bibb Co. (Macon).....	17	521	260	205	55	192	84	108	69	69	•
Charlton Co. (Savannah).....	17	1,263	605	163	442	655	130	525	3	•	•
De Kalb Co. (Decatur).....	17	838	644	644	•	114	114	•	80	80	•
Fulton Co. (Atlanta).....	17	3,155	2,256	1,105	1,151	783	497	291	216	116	100
Macombe Co. (Columbus).....	17	1,202	853	853	•	344	344	•	25	25	•
Richmond Co. (Augusta).....	17	799	525	358	167	263	189	74	11	11	•
8 small courts.....	17	823	453	376	77	385	64	261	45	20	25
HAWAII:											
First Circuit (Honolulu).....	18	4,154	3,144	2,694	1,050	514	480	34	496	496	•
ILLINOIS:											
Cook Co. (Chicago).....	g/ 17, 18	8,465	5,260	4,645	395	3,121	2,395	726	84	83	1
Winnipeg Co. (Rockford).....	g/ 17, 18	960	714	22	692	232	144	68	14	14	•
1 small court.....	g/ 17, 18	31	24	14	•	17	17	•	•	•	•
INDIANA:											
Allen Co. (Fort Wayne).....	18	801	801	242	559	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lake Co. (Gary).....	18	1,476	1,456	432	1,024	11	9	2	9	9	•
Madison Co. (Anderson).....	18	242	242	209	33	•	•	•	•	•	•
Marion Co. (Indianapolis).....	18	2,770	1,335	1,335	•	456	451	5	447	443	4
St. Joseph Co. (South Bend).....	18	87	87	77	10	•	•	•	•	•	•
Vanderburgh Co. (Bloomington).....	18	377	377	222	155	•	•	•	•	•	•
Vigo Co. (Terre Haute).....	18	800	196	22	144	3	1	2	1	1	•
42 small courts.....	18	1,406	1,017	1,008	1,729	494	233	261	95	29	34

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Area served by court <u>b</u> /	Age under which court has original jurisdiction	Total all cases	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Special Proceedings		
			Total	Official	Un-official	Total	Official	Un-official	Total	Official	Un-official
IOWA:											
Black Hawk Co. (Waterloo).....	18	217	245	61	84	72	69	3	-	-	-
Linn Co. (Oedar Rapids).....	18	449	393	80	113	56	18	38	-	-	-
Folk Co. (Des Moines).....	18	1,259	989	275	714	270	179	91	-	-	-
Scott Co. (Davenport).....	18	677	498	34	464	179	53	126	-	-	-
Woodbury Co. (Sioux City).....	18	961	390	171	219	571	152	419	-	-	-
57 small courts.....	18	1,923	1,387	521	866	536	335	201	-	-	-
KANSAS:											
Sedgwick Co. (Wichita).....	16	1,321	1,162	581	581	159	158	1	-	-	-
Shawnee Co. (Topeka).....	16	120	74	55	19	46	37	9	-	-	-
Wyandotte Co. (Kansas City).....	16	672	460	173	287	212	118	94	-	-	-
97 small courts.....	16	1,326	1,084	369	715	242	147	95	-	-	-
LOUISIANA:											
Caddo Parish (Shreveport).....	17	834	428	222	206	312	238	74	94	78	16
E. Baton Rouge Parish (Baton Rouge)	17	1,708	811	463	348	792	330	462	105	105	-
Orleans Parish (New Orleans).....	17	2,230	1,342	768	374	555	493	63	332	332	-
24 small courts.....	17	2,890	1,718	673	1,045	882	576	306	290	137	153
MAINE:											
6 small courts.....	17	510	417	154	263	84	84	-	9	9	-
MARYLAND:											
Baltimore (City).....	16	4,813	3,379	2,779	600	1,445	1,445	-	9	9	-
Montgomery Co. (Silver Spring)...	18	2,182	1,620	1,290	330	386	306	80	176	176	-
Prince George's Co. (Hyattsville)...	18	803	670	560	110	133	133	-	-	-	-
4 small courts.....	18	223	128	125	3	95	95	-	-	-	-
MASSACHUSETTS:											
Boston.....	17	880	880	880	-	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Boston (Central Section).....	17	109	109	101	8	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Brighton.....	17	101	101	49	52	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Charleston.....	17	267	267	267	-	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Dorchester.....	17	287	287	112	175	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
East Boston.....	17	573	573	573	-	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Roxbury.....	17	100	100	100	-	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
South Boston.....	17	214	214	112	102	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
West Roxbury.....	17	357	357	357	-	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
DISTRICT:											
Worcester, Cent. (Worcester)...	17	462	462	382	80	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
E. Norfolk (Quincy).....	17	357	357	266	91	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
E. Middlesex, 1st (Malden).....	17	305	305	202	103	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Lawrence (Lawrence).....	17	115	115	113	2	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Lowell (Lowell).....	17	129	129	127	2	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Bristol, 2nd, (Fall River).....	17	252	252	141	111	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Somerville (Somerville).....	17	73	73	73	-	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Southern Essex (Lynn).....	17	176	176	176	-	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Springfield (Springfield).....	17	343	343	298	45	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
Bristol, 3rd (New Bedford).....	17	255	255	160	95	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
E. Middlesex, 3rd (Cambridge)...	17	233	233	233	-	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
54 small courts.....	17	3,292	3,292	2,733	559	//////	//////	//////	-	-	-
MICHIGAN:											
Berrien Co. (Benton Harbor).....	17	305	309	135	174	116	110	6	-	-	-
Calhoun Co. (Battle Creek).....	17	572	554	140	214	218	75	143	-	-	-
Genesee Co. (Flint).....	17	996	464	463	1	532	532	-	-	-	-
Ingham Co. (Lansing).....	17	383	153	152	1	230	230	-	-	-	-
Jackson Co. (Jackson).....	17	132	299	90	209	33	32	1	-	-	-
Kalamazoo Co. (Kalamazoo).....	17	392	217	92	125	175	70	105	-	-	-
East Co. (Grand Rapids).....	17	620	348	138	210	272	272	-	-	-	-
Macomb Co. (East Detroit).....	17	873	593	375	218	180	180	-	-	-	-
Washtenaw Co. (Washtenaw).....	17	508	308	65	443	56	51	5	-	-	-
Washtenaw Co. (Washtenaw).....	17	1,712	1,223	435	788	489	266	203	-	-	-
Oakland Co. (Pontiac).....	17	426	274	203	71	152	89	63	-	-	-
Washtenaw Co. (Ann Arbor).....	17	400	257	82	175	143	110	33	-	-	-
Wayne Co. (Detroit).....	17	4,776	3,232	2,323	908	1,525	1,520	25	-	-	-
70 small courts.....	17	3,616	2,708	1,356	1,352	1,308	614	694	-	-	-
MISSISSIPPI:											
Hinds Co. (Jackson).....	18	132	113	113	-	19	19	-	-	-	-
73 small courts.....	18	2,126	1,293	439	854	633	591	42	-	-	-
MISSOURI:											
Oregon Co. (Springfield).....	17	397	296	48	248	54	52	2	47	47	-
Jackson Co. (Kansas City).....	17	2,668	1,777	687	1,090	491	113	378	400	400	-
St. Louis (City).....	17	4,043	2,361	696	1,665	854	395	459	808	799	-
St. Louis Co. (University City)...	17	1,304	744	272	472	343	58	285	217	216	-
111 small courts.....	17	2,678	1,404	1,043	361	583	534	49	481	481	-

Table 1--NUMBER OF DELINQUENCY, DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT, AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASES DISPOSED OF OFFICIALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY BY 1,849 COURTS, 1955 a/--Continued

Area served by court b/	Age under which court has original jurisdiction	Total all cases	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Special proceedings		
			Total	Official	Un-official	Total	Official	Un-official	Total	Official	Un-official
MONTANA:											
2 small courts.....	18	2,272	2,272	109	2,163	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE:											
11 small courts.....	18	178	153	105	48	25	25	-	-	-	-
NEW MEXICO:											
Bernalillo Co. (Albuquerque)...	18	3,695	3,695	726	2,969	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 small courts.....	18	4,571	4,571	1,176	3,395	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEW YORK:											
Erie Co. (Buffalo).....	16	1,668	726	644	82	911	911	-	31	31	-
Monroe Co. (Rochester).....	16	1,079	525	310	215	404	357	47	150	144	6
Nassau Co. (Hempstead).....	16	1,839	857	464	393	832	246	586	150	5	145
New York (City).....	16	13,615	8,825	7,990	835	4,422	2,755	1,667	368	368	-
Niagara Co. (Niagara Falls)....	16	456	159	136	23	293	251	39	4	4	-
Ontario Co. (Syracuse).....	16	1,108	450	370	80	435	331	104	223	223	-
Oranget Co. (Newburgh).....	16	211	97	97	-	117	117	-	-	-	-
Rensselaer Co. (Troy).....	16	227	96	57	39	120	120	-	11	-	11
Schenectady Co. (Schenectady)...	16	485	110	87	23	322	179	143	53	15	38
Suffolk Co. (Islip).....	16	404	177	180	17	155	155	-	52	52	30
Westchester Co. (Yonkers).....	16	1,362	726	368	358	584	584	-	52	52	-
7 small courts.....	16	1,238	509	247	262	659	425	234	70	18	52
NORTH CAROLINA:											
Beaufort Co. (Asheville).....	16	271	162	120	42	37	37	-	72	72	-
Durham Co. (Durham).....	16	274	221	30	191	29	27	2	24	23	1
Forsyth Co. (Winston-Salem)....	16	518	258	195	63	210	178	32	50	34	16
Guilford Co. (Greensboro).....	16	926	469	219	250	245	193	52	212	151	58
Mecklenburg Co. (Charlotte)....	16	824	406	278	128	199	49	150	219	128	91
Wake Co. (Raleigh).....	16	528	240	167	73	16	4	12	272	269	3
99 small courts.....	16	2,834	1,968	1,863	105	616	610	6	250	250	-
NORTH DAKOTA:											
First Judicial Dist. (Fargo)...	18	685	521	337	184	93	66	27	71	70	1
1 small court.....	18	141	105	16	89	26	7	19	10	6	2
OHIO:											
Butler Co. (Hamilton).....	18	1,355	1,154	601	553	102	102	-	99	95	4
Clark Co. (Springfield).....	18	833	738	131	604	85	81	1	10	10	-
Cuyahoga Co. (Cleveland).....	18	6,553	5,939	1,805	4,134	450	417	3	164	164	-
Franklin Co. (Columbus).....	18	1,265	709	277	432	435	339	96	121	111	10
Hamilton Co. (Cincinnati).....	18	6,943	6,145	300	5,845	522	515	7	276	132	144
Lorain Co. (Lorain).....	18	585	581	119	462	3	1	2	1	-	1
Lucas Co. (Toledo).....	18	3,580	2,963	1,584	1,379	71	45	26	546	444	102
Mahoning Co. (Youngstown).....	18	1,874	1,654	165	1,489	200	124	76	20	11	9
Montgomery Co. (Dayton).....	18	3,278	2,773	439	2,334	357	351	6	148	144	4
Stark Co. (Canton).....	18	242	82	82	-	128	128	-	32	32	-
Summit Co. (Akron).....	18	2,837	2,518	81	2,437	278	276	2	41	41	-
Trembult Co. (Warren).....	18	901	760	314	446	127	120	7	14	14	-
69 small courts.....	18	12,006	10,037	5,910	4,127	1,354	1,257	97	615	489	126
OKLAHOMA:											
Oklahoma Co. (Oklahoma City)...	16, 18	1,309	1,050	136	914	112	105	7	147	137	10
Tulsa Co. (Tulsa).....	18	1,679	1,256	308	948	415	189	226	8	2	6
7 small courts.....	16, 18	294	119	91	28	173	148	25	2	2	-
OREGON:											
Lane Co. (Eugene).....	18	1,275	787	111	676	326	81	245	162	35	127
Marion Co. (Salem).....	18	837	578	399	179	180	93	87	79	87	52
Multnomah Co. (Portland).....	18	4,866	2,780	1,092	1,688	1,996	860	1,136	90	90	-
15 small courts.....	18	4,684	3,609	1,260	2,349	848	400	448	227	61	166
PENNSYLVANIA:											
Allegheny Co. (Pittsburgh).....	18	7,016	4,703	3,117	1,586	2,251	1,048	1,203	62	62	-
Beaver Co. (Aliquippa).....	18	308	292	137	155	16	16	-	-	-	-
Berks Co. (Reading).....	18	690	537	118	419	150	71	79	3	3	-
Blair Co. (Alltoona).....	18	391	293	104	189	66	17	49	32	16	16
Butts Co. (Bristol).....	18	534	336	180	156	178	103	75	20	14	6
Chester Co. (West Chester).....	18	581	511	308	203	70	34	36	-	-	-
Delaware Co. (Chester).....	18	893	664	424	240	229	229	-	-	-	-
Erie Co. (Erie).....	18	144	243	64	179	101	29	72	-	-	-
Fayette Co. (Uniontown).....	18	357	350	155	195	7	7	-	-	-	-
Lackawanna Co. (Scranton).....	18	287	280	238	42	7	7	-	-	-	-
Lehigh Co. (Allentown).....	18	340	222	164	58	146	93	53	12	6	6
Lebanon Co. (Willis-Barre).....	18	477	464	348	-	13	13	-	-	-	-
Mercer Co. (Sharon).....	18	168	110	80	30	58	58	-	-	-	-
Montgomery Co. (Morristown)....	18	1,268	1,103	602	501	165	10	155	-	-	-
Northampton Co. (Bethlehem)...	18	411	370	85	285	88	8	80	13	10	3
Philadelphia (City and Co.)....	18	12,969	10,521	10,145	436	1,906	1,520	386	482	202	280
Schuylkill Co. (Pottsville)....	18	927	526	225	301	396	296	100	5	5	-
Washington Co. (Washington)....	18	293	259	186	73	34	34	-	-	-	-
Westmoreland Co. (New Kensington)	18	343	315	76	239	26	24	2	2	2	-
York Co. (York).....	18	487	473	117	356	14	14	-	-	-	-
5 small courts.....	18	444	303	125	178	141	85	56	-	-	-

Table 1--NUMBER OF DELINQUENCY, DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT, AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASES DISPOSED OF OFFICIALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY BY 1,649 COURTS, 1955 a/--Continued

Area served by court ^{b/}	Age under which court has original jurisdiction	Total all cases	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Special proceedings		
			Total	Official	Un-official	Total	Official	Un-official	Total	Official	Un-official
RHODE ISLAND:											
State (Providence).....	18	2,089	1,590	1,306	284	105	105	-	394	374	-
SOUTH CAROLINA:											
Greenville Co. (Greenville).....	18	1,292	883	570	313	213	90	123	196	150	46
Spartanburg Co. (Spartanburg)....	18	364	265	236	29	-	-	-	99	60	39
9 small courts.....	18	903	555	317	238	179	54	125	169	101	68
SOUTH DAKOTA:											
49 small courts.....	18	1,970	1,755	616	1,139	115	81	34	100	84	16
TEXAS:											
Bexar Co. (San Antonio).....	2/ 17, 18	2,314	2,314	680	1,634	0/	0/	0/	-	-	-
Boscon Co. (Brownsville).....	2/ 17, 18	354	354	26	328	0/	0/	0/	-	-	-
Dallas Co. (Dallas).....	2/ 17, 18	4,629	2,900	338	2,562	585	370	215	1,144	988	156
El Paso Co. (El Paso).....	2/ 17, 18	2,051	2,051	72	1,979	0/	0/	0/	-	-	-
Harris Co. (Houston).....	2/ 17, 18	3,618	2,731	836	1,895	887	329	558	-	-	-
Hidalgo Co. (McAllen).....	2/ 17, 18	262	262	11	251	0/	0/	0/	-	-	-
Jefferson Co. (Beaumont).....	2/ 17, 18	984	984	196	788	0/	0/	0/	-	-	-
Labbeok Co. (Labbeok).....	2/ 17, 18	435	435	39	396	0/	0/	0/	-	-	-
McLennan Co. (Waco).....	2/ 17, 18	906	787	41	746	63	13	50	56	2	54
Maricopa Co. (Corpus Christi).....	2/ 17, 18	897	893	151	742	2	2	-	2	2	-
Tarrant Co. (Fort Worth).....	2/ 17, 18	3,117	2,819	128	1,691	1,298	126	1,172	-	-	-
Travis Co. (Austin).....	2/ 17, 18	1,185	607	78	529	374	148	226	204	204	-
133 small courts.....	2/ 17, 18	4,656	3,863	1,165	2,698	354	191	163	439	177	262
UTAH:											
First District (Ogden).....	18	2,651	2,531	1,611	920	120	83	37	-	-	-
Second District (Salt Lake City)	18	4,387	4,198	3,608	590	189	122	67	-	-	-
Third District (Provo).....	18	2,057	1,964	1,203	761	93	28	65	-	-	-
3 small courts.....	18	1,236	1,130	887	243	108	59	49	-	-	-
VERMONT:											
16 small courts.....	16	420	160	160	-	260	260	-	-	-	-
VIRGINIA:											
Arlington Co.....	18	892	757	757	-	52	52	-	83	83	-
Fairfax Co. (Falls Church).....	18	271	197	197	-	71	71	-	3	3	-
Norfolk (City).....	19	1,647	1,070	1,070	-	400	400	-	177	177	-
103 small courts.....	18	10,340	8,324	7,271	1,053	1,309	1,101	208	707	619	88
WASHINGTON:											
King Co. (Seattle).....	18	6,679	5,362	3,933	1,429	628	314	314	689	652	37
Pierce Co. (Tacoma).....	18	1,034	707	255	452	169	75	94	158	150	8
Snohomish Co. (Everett).....	18	932	706	607	99	184	158	26	42	39	3
Spokane Co. (Spokane).....	18	2,477	2,166	1,255	911	246	135	111	65	65	-
Yakima Co. (Yakima).....	18	1,636	1,471	139	1,332	106	38	68	59	56	3
26 small courts.....	18	6,730	5,802	2,688	3,114	748	402	346	180	167	13
WEST VIRGINIA:											
Cabell Co. (Huntington).....	18	417	341	308	33	21	21	-	55	55	-
Kanawha Co. (Charleston).....	18	652	518	324	194	50	50	-	84	84	-
53 small courts.....	18	4,321	2,377	1,412	965	1,306	593	713	638	581	57
WISCONSIN:											
Dane Co. (Madison).....	18	1,586	1,035	45	990	475	49	426	76	69	7
Milwaukee Co. (Milwaukee).....	18	7,757	6,407	2,725	3,682	853	531	322	497	476	21
Racine Co. (Racine).....	18	59	57	35	22	2	2	-	-	-	-
54 small courts.....	18	4,087	2,409	1,725	684	1,116	875	241	562	532	30

a/ **NOTE WELL:** The data in this table should not be used to make comparisons between communities regarding the extent of delinquency. Questions concerning changes in an individual court's data from one year to another should be directed to that individual court.

b/ Courts serving areas with population of 100,000 or more are listed separately, showing the chief city located in each area. Courts serving areas with less than 100,000 population are combined for each State and are presented as "small courts."

c/ The age under which court has original jurisdiction is different for boys and girls. The age for boys appears first.

d/ Data for Prince George's County, Maryland are for period September 1, 1954 through September 1, 1955.

e/ No report on dependency and neglect cases.

Table 2--NUMBER OF DELINQUENCY, DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT, AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS CASES DEPOSED OF OFFICIALLY ONLY BY 127 COURTS, 1955 ^{a/}

Area served by court ^{b/}	Age under which court has original jurisdiction	Official cases only			
		Total	Delinquency	Dependency and neglect	Special proceedings
IOWA: 57 small courts.....	16	862	574	188	-
MAINE: 1 small court.....	17	48	38	7	-
MARYLAND: Anne Arundel Co. (Annapolis).....	18	833	281	52	-
NEBRASKA: Douglas Co. (Omaha)..... Lincoln Co. (Lincoln)..... 6 small courts.....	18 18 18	809 214 115	108 94 86	198 89 10	8 21 19
NEW HAMPSHIRE: 7 small courts.....	18	21	21	-	-
NEW JERSEY: ^{c/} Atlantic Co. (Atlantic City)..... Bergen Co. (Hackensack)..... Burlington Co. (Burlington)..... Camden Co. (Camden)..... Essex Co. (Newark)..... Hudson Co. (Jersey City)..... Mercer Co. (Trenton)..... Middlesex Co. (Perth Amboy)..... Monmouth Co. (Long Branch)..... Morris Co. (Morristown)..... Passaic Co. (Paterson)..... Union Co. (Elizabeth)..... 9 small courts.....	18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	207 859 100 444 2,184 777 264 291 339 121 263 487 801	207 859 100 444 2,184 777 264 291 339 121 263 487 801	198 188 10 89 10 198 89 10 198 89 10 198 89 10	8 21 19 8 21 19 8 21 19 8 21 19 8 21 19
NEW YORK: Albany Co. (Albany)..... Broome Co. (Binghamton)..... Chautauque Co. (Jamestown)..... Dutchess Co. (Poughkeepsie)..... Ontario Co. (Utica)..... 35 small courts.....	16 16 16 16 16 16	625 293 208 216 113 3,221	291 88 125 132 106 1,018	328 189 168 73 7 2,108	8 8 17 11 - 97
NORTH CAROLINA: Gaston Co. (Gastonia).....	16	229	118	80	21
NORTH DAKOTA: 1 small court.....	18	12	12	-	-
PUEBLO RICO: Mayaguez District (Mayaguez)..... Ponce District (Ponce)..... 6 small courts.....	16 16 16	288 207 118	121 121 121	121 121 121	121 121 121

^{a/} The courts included here are those that reported their official cases only. For the purpose of this report these data are considered incomplete and are not used elsewhere in this report.

^{b/} Courts serving areas with population of 100,000 or more are listed separately, showing the chief city located in each area. Courts serving areas with less than 100,000 population are combined for each State and are presented as "small courts."

^{c/} Data for New Jersey are for period September 1, 1954 through August 31, 1955.

^{d/} No report on dependency, neglect or special proceedings.

^{e/} Breakdown by type of case not available.

Table 3--CHILDREN'S CASES DISPOSED OF BY 987 COURTS IN 1955 AND PERCENT CHANGE FROM 1954 a/

Area served by court ^{b/}	Cases disposed of in 1955			Percent change from 1954 to 1955		
	Delinquency	Dependency and neglect	Special proceedings	Delinquency	Dependency and neglect	Special proceedings
Total cases.....	246,423	52,521	15,611	+9	+3	+6
ALABAMA:						
Jefferson Co. (Birmingham).....	1,434	1,590	-	+11	+4	-
Mobile Co. (Mobile).....	863	500	-	+21	+32	-
Montgomery Co. (Montgomery).....	730	217	-	+76	+7	-
64 small courts.....	1,059	751	-	+9	+14	-
ARKANSAS:						
Pulaski Co. (Little Rock).....	804	990	5	+38	+4	-
12 small courts.....	434	267	37	+5	+9	+14
CALIFORNIA:						
Alameda Co. (Oakland).....	8,003	1,831	370	+22	+25	+21
Contra Costa Co. (Richmond).....	3,215	530	208	+45	+33	+19
Fresno Co. (Fresno).....	990	192	160	+6	+6	+26
Kern Co. (Bakersfield).....	4,244	295	178	+34	+52	+3
Los Angeles Co. (Los Angeles).....	7,210	1,225	363	+21	+3	+3
Monterey Co. (Monterey).....	1,096	213	91	-31	+34	+36
Orange Co. (Santa Ana).....	4,572	214	285	+20	+21	+21
Riverside Co. (Riverside).....	1,530	191	59	+68	+63	+4
Sacramento Co. (Sacramento).....	1,927	366	218	+11	+88	+18
San Bernardino Co. (S. Bernardino).....	1,723	95	-	+33	+28	+4
San Diego Co. (San Diego).....	3,609	1,242	435	+14	+28	+24
San Francisco Co. (S. Francisco).....	6,127	1,507	152	+14	+9	+7
San Joaquin Co. (Stockton).....	923	163	68	+82	+5	+7
San Mateo Co. (San Mateo).....	2,840	290	125	+10	+14	+22
Tulare Co. (Tulare).....	965	84	71	+2	-32	+34
Ventura Co. (Oxnard).....	1,747	90	139	+34	-30	+39
23 small courts.....	5,442	1,003	302	+17	+29	+6
CONNECTICUT:						
First District (Bridgeport).....	1,793	274	-	+12	+9	-
Second District (New Haven).....	1,953	331	-	+15	+2	-
Third District (Hartford).....	1,554	440	-	+3	+10	-
FLORIDA:						
Orange Co. (Orlando).....	712	197	225	+4	+42	+14
Polk Co. (Lake Land).....	834	545	2	+2	+2	+14
1 small court.....	832	692	113	+14	+24	+17
GEORGIA:						
Wilkes Co. (Macon).....	260	192	69	+23	+27	-
Chatham Co. (Savannah).....	605	655	3	+10	+14	-
Fulton Co. (Atlanta).....	2,256	783	116	+13	+21	-
Richmond Co. (Augusta).....	525	263	11	+8	+8	-
1 small court.....	177	295	36	-31	+3	+14
HAWAII:						
First Circuit (Honolulu).....	3,144	514	496	+21	+6	+10
ILLINOIS:						
Cook Co. (Chicago).....	5,260	3,121	84	+7	+7	+12
INDIANA:						
Allen Co. (Fort Wayne).....	501	-	-	-	-	-
Lake Co. (Gary).....	1,656	11	9	+14	+14	+14
Madison Co. (Anderson).....	242	-	-	-	-	-
Marion Co. (Indianapolis).....	1,367	456	447	+14	+20	+14
St. Joseph Co. (South Bend).....	87	-	-	-	-	-
Vanderburgh Co. (Evansville).....	377	-	-	-	-	-
Vigo Co. (Terre Haute).....	196	3	1	+14	+14	+14
14 small courts.....	2,893	426	47	+3	+18	+14
IOWA:						
Black Hawk Co. (Waterloo).....	145	72	-	+179	+20	-
Linn Co. (Cedar Rapids).....	393	56	-	+1	+14	-
Polk Co. (Des Moines).....	989	270	-	+16	+14	-
Scott Co. (Davenport).....	498	179	-	+5	+14	-
Woodbury Co. (Altoona City).....	390	571	-	+1	+39	-
56 small courts.....	1,288	523	-	+15	+17	-
KANSAS:						
Wyandotte Co. (Kansas City).....	460	212	-	+72	+27	-
MAINE:						
1 small court.....	291	61	9	+23	+5	+14
MARYLAND:						
Baltimore (City).....	3,379	1,445	9	+5	+5	+14

Table 3--CHILDREN'S CASES DISPOSED OF BY 987 COURTS IN 1955 AND PERCENT CHANGE FROM 1954 a/--Continued

Area served by court b/	Cases disposed of in 1955			Percent change from 1954 to 1955		
	Delinquency	Dependency and neglect	Special proceedings	Delinquency	Dependency and neglect	Special proceedings
MICHIGAN:						
Harrison Co. (Benton Harbor).....	389	116	-	+15	+12	.....
Calhoun Co. (Battle Creek).....	354	218	-	+15	+11	.....
Genesee Co. (Flint).....	464	532	-	+19	+31	.....
Ingham Co. (Lansing).....	153	230	-	-5	+18	.....
Jackson Co. (Jackson).....	299	33	-	+7	+58	.....
Kalamazoo Co. (Kalamazoo).....	217	175	-	+4	+11	.....
Kent Co. (Grand Rapids).....	348	272	-	+5	+38	.....
Macomb Co. (East Detroit).....	693	180	-	+17	+10	.....
Washtenaw Co. (Ann Arbor).....	598	56	-	+9	.....	.....
Washtenaw Co. (Ann Arbor).....	1,223	489	-	+29	+10	.....
Saginaw Co. (Saginaw).....	274	152	-	+23	.....	.....
Washtenaw Co. (Ann Arbor).....	257	143	-	+1	.....	.....
Wayne Co. (Detroit).....	3,231	1,545	-	+15	+15	.....
70 small courts.....	2,308	1,308	-	.....	.....	.....
MISSISSIPPI:						
Hinds Co. (Jackson).....	113	19	-	.....	.....	.....
65 small courts.....	1,265	739	-	.....	.....	.....
MISSOURI:						
Greene Co. (Springfield).....	296	54	47	-9	+22	.....
Jackson Co. (Kansas City).....	1,777	491	400	-7	+22	.....
St. Louis (City).....	2,381	854	808	+6	+22	.....
St. Louis Co. (University City)....	744	343	217	+26	.....	.....
111 small courts.....	1,404	583	691	.....	.....	.....
MONTANA:						
2 small courts.....	2,272	-	-	.....	.....	.....
NEW MEXICO:						
Bernalillo Co. (Albuquerque).....	3,695	-	-	.....	.....	.....
22 small courts.....	3,812	-	-	.....	.....	.....
NORTH CAROLINA:						
94 small courts.....	1,697	592	212	.....	.....	.....
NORTH DAKOTA:						
First Jud. Dist. (Fargo).....	521	93	71	.....	.....	.....
1 small court.....	105	26	10	.....	.....	.....
OHIO:						
Butler Co. (Hamilton).....	1,154	102	99	.....	.....	.....
Clark Co. (Springfield).....	738	85	10	.....	.....	.....
Cuyahoga Co. (Cleveland).....	5,939	450	164	.....	.....	.....
Franklin Co. (Columbus).....	709	435	121	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton Co. (Cincinnati).....	6,445	522	376	.....	.....	.....
Lorain Co. (Lorain).....	521	3	1	.....	.....	.....
Madison Co. (Youngstown).....	1,654	200	20	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery Co. (Dayton).....	2,773	357	148	.....	.....	.....
Stark Co. (Canton).....	82	128	32	.....	.....	.....
Summit Co. (Akron).....	2,518	278	41	.....	.....	.....
Trembly Co. (Warren).....	760	127	14	.....	.....	.....
56 small courts.....	9,179	1,216	564	.....	.....	.....
OKLAHOMA:						
Tulsa Co. (Tulsa).....	1,256	415	8	.....	.....	.....
3 small courts.....	93	157	2	.....	.....	.....
OREGON:						
Lane Co. (Eugene).....	787	326	162	.....	.....	.....
Morison Co. (Salem).....	578	180	79	.....	.....	.....
Multnomah Co. (Portland).....	2,780	1,996	90	.....	.....	.....
12 small courts.....	3,401	788	205	.....	.....	.....
PENNSYLVANIA:						
Allegheny Co. (Pittsburgh).....	4,703	1,251	62	.....	.....	.....
Berks Co. (Reading).....	537	150	3	.....	.....	.....
Lakigh Co. (Allentown).....	222	146	12	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery Co. (Norristown).....	1,103	165	-	.....	.....	.....
Philadelphia (City and Co.).....	10,581	1,908	482	.....	.....	.....
1 small court.....	110	31	-	.....	.....	.....
RHODE ISLAND:						
State (Providence).....	1,590	105	34	.....	.....	.....
SOUTH CAROLINA:						
Greenville Co. (Greenville).....	883	213	146	.....	.....	.....
Spartanburg Co. (Spartanburg).....	265	-	99	.....	.....	.....

Table 3--CHILDREN'S CASES DISPOSED OF BY 987 COURTS IN 1955 AND PERCENT CHANGE FROM 1954 a/--Continued

Area served by court b/	Cases disposed of in 1955			Percent change from 1954 to 1955		
	Delinquency	Dependency and neglect	Special proceedings	Delinquency	Dependency and neglect	Special proceedings
SOUTH DAKOTA:						
29 small courts.....	1,395	78	59	-7	-34	+13
TEXAS:						
Bexar Co. (San Antonio).....	2,314	-	-	+6	.....	.....
Cameron Co. (Brownsville).....	354	-	-	+33	.....	.....
Dallas Co. (Dallas).....	2,900	585	1,144	-10	.....	.....
El Paso Co. (El Paso).....	2,051	-	-	+10	.....	.....
Harris Co. (Houston).....	2,731	887	-	+12	.....	.....
Hidalgo Co. (McAllen).....	252	-	-	+25	.....	.....
Labbock Co. (Labbock).....	435	-	-	+25	.....	.....
Mallern Co. (Waco).....	787	63	56	+22	.....	.....
Tarrant Co. (Fort Worth).....	1,819	1,298	-	+37	.....	.....
Travis Co. (Austin).....	607	374	204	+7	.....	.....
82 small courts.....	3,146	278	403	+5	.....	.....
UTAH:						
First District (Ogden).....	2,531	120	-	+6	+15	.....
Second District (Salt Lake City).....	4,198	189	-	-5	+32	.....
Third District (Provo).....	1,964	93	-	+2	+6	.....
3 small courts.....	1,130	108	-	-4	+6	.....
VERMONT:						
16 small courts.....	160	250	-	+7	+14	.....
WASHINGTON:						
King Co. (Seattle).....	5,362	628	689	+19	+17	.....
Pierce Co. (Tacoma).....	707	169	158	+17	+17	.....
Snohomish Co. (Everett).....	706	184	42	+2	+2	.....
Spokane Co. (Spokane).....	2,166	246	65	+4	+7	.....
Yakima Co. (Yakima).....	1,471	106	59	+1	+7	.....
18 small courts.....	5,745	709	177	+10	+5	+33
WEST VIRGINIA:						
Cabell Co. (Huntington).....	341	21	55	-18	.....	+33
Kanawha Co. (Charleston).....	518	50	84	+27	.....	+67
53 small courts.....	2,377	1,306	638	+7	.....	+67
WISCONSIN:						
Waukesha Co. (Madison).....	1,035	475	76	+6	+73	.....
Milwaukee Co. (Milwaukee).....	6,407	853	497	+4	+38	.....
Racine Co. (Racine).....	57	2	-	+2	.....	+17
46 small courts.....	2,282	1,019	522	+12	+30	+31

a/ **NOTE WELL:** The data in this table should not be used to make comparisons between communities regarding the extent of delinquency. Questions concerning changes in an individual court's data from one year to another should be directed to that individual court. This table includes only courts for which data are available for both 1954 and 1955.

b/ Courts serving areas with population of 100,000 or more are listed separately, showing the chief city located in each area. Courts serving areas with less than 100,000 population are combined for each State and are presented as "small courts."

c/ Percent change not computed for Texas courts because of reporting inadequacies in dependent and neglect cases.

d/ Percent change not computed. Base figure for 1954 less than 50.

e/ Percent change less than 0.5.

Table 4--TREND IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES AND IN NUMBER OF CHILDREN AGED 10-17 IN THE UNITED STATES: 1940-1955

Year	Index (1940 = 100)	
	Juvenile delinquency cases ^{a/}	Child population of U.S. (10-17 years of age) ^{b/}
1940.....	100	100
1941.....	112	99
1942.....	125	97
1943.....	172	96
1944.....	165	93
1945.....	172	92
1946.....	148	91
1947.....	131	91
1948.....	127	90
1949.....	136	91
1950.....	140	91
1951.....	149	93
1952.....	166	95
1953.....	187	99
1954.....	198	102
1955.....	216	105

^{a/} Data for 1951-55 based on cases disposed of by 383 courts serving about 21 percent of the child population of the United States; trend for previous years for these courts estimated by the Children's Bureau.

^{b/} Trend based on data from Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce (Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 96 and 121.).

Table 5--TREND IN DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASES AND IN NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IN THE UNITED STATES: 1946-1955

Year	Index (1946 = 100)	
	Dependency and neglect cases ^{a/}	Child population of U.S. (Under 18 years of age) ^{b/}
1946.....	100	100
1947.....	103	104
1948.....	102	107
1949.....	97	110
1950.....	92	113
1951.....	96	116
1952.....	97	120
1953.....	102	125
1954.....	102	129
1955.....	105	133

^{a/} Data for 1951-55 based on cases disposed of by 382 courts serving about 20 percent of the child population of the United States; trend for previous years for these courts estimated by the Children's Bureau.

^{b/} Trend based on data from Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce (Current Population Reports, Series P-25, Nos. 96 and 121.).